Government had set up a Committee headed by Prof. D.P. Chattopadhyaya on October 7, 1985.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) An Empowered Committee to formulate an Action Plan on the National Policy on Library and Information System and a Working group on the decisions of the Empowered Committee were set up. Guidelines for providing financial support to individuals, libraries and voluntary organizations in Library sector have been issued. However, a National Policy of Public Library and Information has not been declared.

Officers on deputation in IGNCA

2603. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of deputationist officers have been appointed in IGNCA to facilitate their stay in Delhi;

(b) whether these officers have been given accommodation at Asiad Village area;

(c) whether even Director level officers are using official cars for going to office despite IGNCA facing a financial crunch;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to prevent such a misuse; and

(e) if not, by when these officers are proposed to be reverted to their parent cadres?

THE MINISTER OF CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) IGNCA has a pool of accommodation at Asiad Village and this accommodation is allotted to the officers of IGNCA including officers on deputation.

(c) While maintaining a balance between the need for economy in expenditure and the need for certain facilities for the employees, the IGNCA operates pool vehicles to bring several senior academic and administrative officers from Asiad Village Complex to office in the morning and drop them back in the evening.

(d) to (e) Do not arise.